

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Antibody Test

Consent Form (OraQuick) (Confidential Testing Only)

When infected with HIV, the body produces proteins called antibodies. This test is looking for those antibodies. This is not a test for AIDS – only a doctor can make that diagnosis.

I understand the test uses a device called OraQuick which will be performed using a drop of blood from my finger. The blood will then be inserted into a vial containing a solution that will actually perform the test.

I understand I will receive a test result today.

If I receive a Negative test result it means that I am not at this time HIV infected. Although, since it takes time for antibodies to develop, I will have to take another test if I was exposed within the last 3-6 months

If I receive a Preliminary Positive test result it means there is a very good possibility that I am infected with HIV. It also means I would need to have blood drawn from my arm for a confirmatory test. This is the best way of making sure the information given to me is accurate. In about 2-3 days I will need to return to the clinic to receive the result of the confirmatory test.

I understand I will test confidentially, which means I will sign my name and provide my address and telephone number on this form. This is the best way for me to enter into treatment, if necessary, and to learn of other services. It is also a way for someone to reach me if I do not return to receive a confirmatory result.

Whether I test confidentially or anonymously, I will get a coded number. The coded number will be placed on this consent form and on the vial containing my blood. If a confirmatory test is necessary the same coded number will be placed on the tube of blood and on the laboratory slip that will be sent to the laboratory. All records in this clinic are maintained as confidential and kept under lock and key.

I understand that if I receive a confirmatory positive test result, it will be reported to the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services as required by law. Any other release of this information will require my written consent, a court order, or a subpoena.

I have read or someone has read this form to me. A counselor has answered all of my questions and I have decided to test for HIV. I will give my permission to test by signing the form below.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Client or Guardian)

(Coded Number)

(Client's Street Address)

(Date)

(City and State)

(Telephone Number)